

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus and method of access are provided for accessing stored information. A user submits search criteria to an information retrieval tool via a user interface. From information referenced in a corresponding response by the information retrieval tool, the user indicates that one or more are relevant. Relevant information is noted by a monitor and recorded in a store together with a history of search criteria used on this and subsequent occasions. For stored information, a weighting is calculated for each corresponding search criterion, the weighting being indicative of the proportion of users who, on using the search criterion with the retrieval tool, identified the information and found it relevant. Documents identified in the store may be grouped by information category and those search criteria having a weighting in excess of a predetermined threshold are identified for use in subsequent searches in that information category.